



Rotavirus Diarrhea

For parents of infants &

young children

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MORE ABOUT ROTAVIRUS DIARRHEA AND ITS PREVENTION



Cause

Rotavirus is the most common cause of severe diarrheal disease in young children throughout the world.



Impact

Rotavirus is one of the leading cause of deaths and hospitalization in children under five years of age. Every 1 in 31 children in India are at risk



Prevention

Good hygiene like handwashing and cleanliness are important, but are not enough to control the spread of the disease. Rotavirus vaccine



Age of vaccination

Rotavirus vaccines are recommended for children aged 6 weeks onwards. Consult your Pediatrician for details about Rotavirus vaccination.

What is Rotavirus?



Rotavirus is a virus that causes severe diarrhea and vomiting. It affects mostly babies and young children. Diarrhea and vomiting can lead to serious dehydration (loss of body fluid). If dehydration is not treated, it can be deadly. It infects every child below the age of 5 years all over the world.

Is Rotavirus Diarrhea different from other types of diarrhea?



Yes, Rotavirus diarrhea is different from other types of diarrhea. The baby may suffer from fever, vomiting and severe diarrhea. Diarrhea may happen > 15 times a day and may continue up to 9 days. This leads to severe dehydration which often requires hospitalization.

How common is Rotaviral diarrhea in India?



As per estimates, 8.7 Lac hospitalizations occur annually in India due to Rotaviral diarrhea. i.e. 1 in every 31 children are at risk of hospitalization due to rotavirus. The first year of life is the period of highest risk among children in India.

I take lot of care with my baby's hygiene. Do I still need to worry about Rotavirus diarrhea.



Yes. Rotavirus diarrhea cannot be avoided even with improved hygiene and sanitation, because Rotavirus is a tough virus. It can live on objects for several days. It is very hard to prevent Rotavirus with just hand washing and cleaning with a disinfectant.

Can't I manage dehydration due to Rotavirus diarrhea with ORS at home?



Vomiting takes place more commonly in children with Rotavirus diarrhea making oral rehydration difficult. This is followed by severe watery diarrhea. Thus babies tend to lose a lot of body fluids that need to be replaced urgently often needing hospitalization.

How do I protect my baby from Rotavirus Diarrhea?



Good hygiene like handwashing and cleanliness are important, but are not enough to control the spread of the disease. Rotavirus vaccination is one of the ways to protect your child against rotavirus illness. Consult your Doctor, for more information about rotavirus vaccination.

What should I know about Rotavirus vaccination?



Rotavirus is an oral vaccine (given by mouth) and not an injection. Rotavirus vaccine can be given to children between 6 weeks to 8 months of age. Consult your Doctor for more information on the vaccination.

Will my baby not suffer from diarrhea after Rotavirus vaccination?



Diarrhea can be caused by various viruses and bacteria. However Rotavirus is a commonest cause of severe dehydrating diarrhea which can lead to hospitalization. Vaccination against Rotavirus protects your baby against this serious type of dehydrating diarrhea and associated hospitalization caused by Rotavirus only.

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